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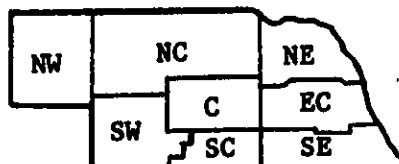
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## WEATHER

Cool weather prevailed with scattered rain at the beginning and ending of the week. Average temperatures ranged from five to twelve degrees below normal. Rainfall amounts ranged from a few hundredths up to a half inch.

## GENERAL

Dry weather was ideal for fall harvest to advance steadily in all areas of Nebraska. Harvest progress remained substantially ahead of last year and the normal rate. Fall tillage and fertilizing increased along with the early harvest. Western Nebraska farmers were harvesting dry beans, millet, sugar beets and sunflowers. Storage problems are beginning in some areas due to the shortage of railroad cars and the large amounts of grain going to the elevators. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.0 days for the State.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 68% short and 32% adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 32% short and 68% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture rated 28% adequate and 72% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 63% adequate and 37% surplus.

## CROPS

Corn harvest raced ahead to 75% complete, compared to 38% last year and a

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42% average. High moisture content is keeping the combines out of many of the remaining fields. Rain showers over the weekend may provide some additional delays.

Soybean harvest was nearly complete at 96%. Last year, 63% was harvested during a soggy fall harvest season; the average is 57%.

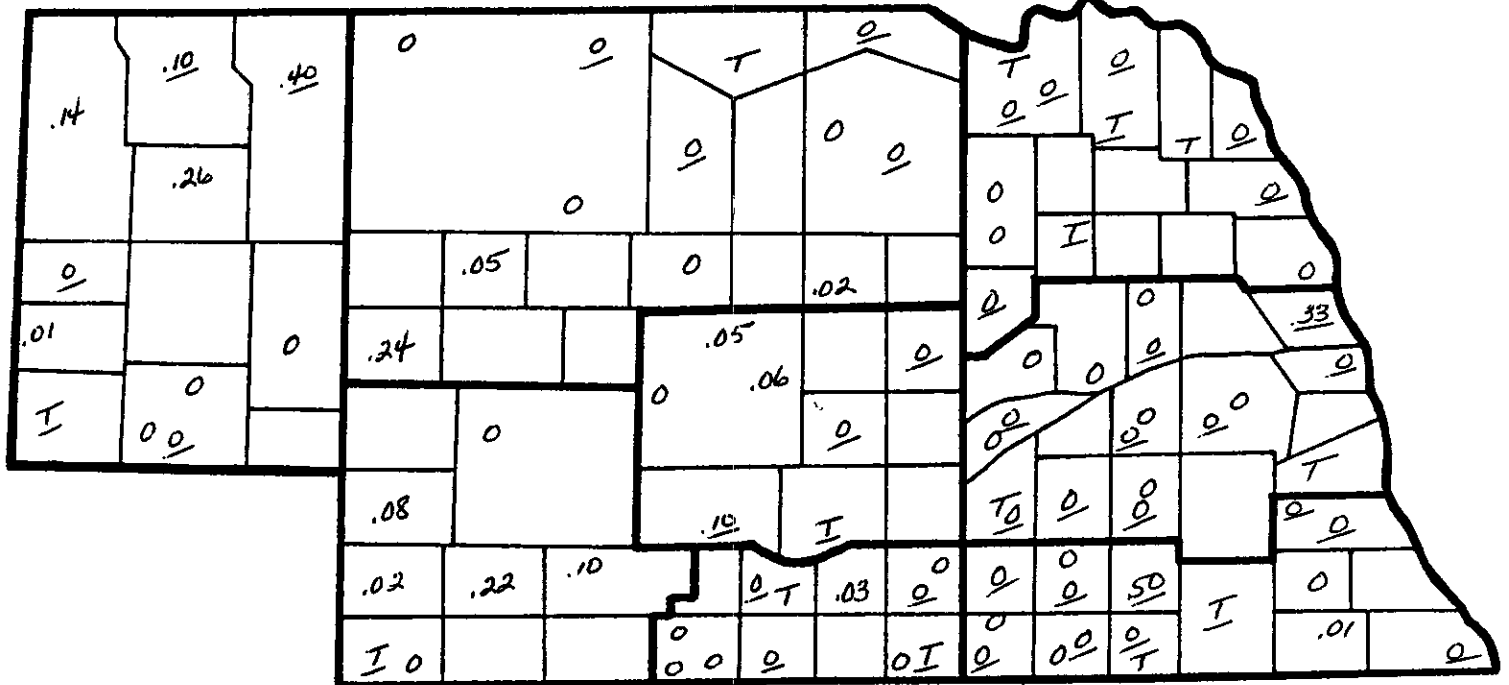
Sorghum harvest is two weeks ahead of normal at 85% complete. Last year's harvest progress was 42% and the average is 45%.

Winter wheat seedings condition rated 6% poor, 48% fair, 45% good and 1% excellent. Stands are still showing stress from the dry weather but weekend precipitation should improve the condition.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture feed supplies rated 15% short, 82% adequate and 3% surplus. More stubble and stalk fields are fenced off, providing more feed for cattle to glean. Calves were being weaned and marketed. Dry conditions have allowed respiratory problems to develop in some areas.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1987



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1987

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1/</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	70	16	39	--	.10
	Scottsbluff	72	20	42	-5	.01
	Sidney	73	24	45	--	T
NC	Ord	59	12	37	--	0
	Valentine	67	12	38	-9	T
NE	Norfolk	57	15	37	-12	.44
	Sioux City	57	21	39	-10	.09
CEN	Grand Island	59	17	38	-12	.57
EC	Lincoln	61	20	40	-11	.27
	Omaha	57	24	41	-10	.25
SW	Imperial	68	22	44	--	0
	North Platte	64	16	40	-7	.26

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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